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Grand Jury Report.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Feb. 16, 1906.
Hon. J. A. Rich, Judge Criminal Court.

Dear Sir:—The February grand jury having completed its labors desires to submit the following report:

The greater part of the four days have been consumed in investigation of gambling houses and the evils and violations of law in connection therewith here in Lexington. The people in general have no conception of what are the conditions in this community in this respect. Fortunately this grand jury, through the efforts of the sheriff and county attorney, has been able to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant the indictment of a sufficient number to give some degree of hope that the centres of this crime will be broken up. Total disregard of oath is the principal obstacle in the way of getting at the bottom of the whole matter. Many of those from whom we are compelled to get evidence of such crimes have no conception of the crime of perjury. Some of them have been so used to going before grand juries and committing rank perjury that they have come to think it as a matter of course. We trust that the two indictments for that crime by this jury will at least put those who come before grand juries in the future to thinking of the consequences of perjured testimony.

Of the evils of gambling itself that have come forcibly to our attention we will speak of a few. Evidence has been secured to show that boys under age have stolen money and put it in the gambling houses; that boys have taken their wages and spent the entire amount in one night playing at games where there was no hope to win in the end; that games have been played at which, if played long enough, the proprietor of the house and his assistants were bound to get every cent originally put into the game; that old men and their sons are frequenters of these places and have lost money that should have gone to support their wives and children; that these older men have deliberately planned, by fraud and loaded dice, to win the money of boys; that some of these places have been run "wide open" without any semblance of attempt at secrecy and that the frequenters of these places, boys and all, have been at liberty to come and go at all times of the day and night.

Fortunately this running of these places without the least semblance of secrecy or privacy, has enabled this jury to procure the evidence which warranted us in returning the indictments herewith submitted. We trust that the eight indictments for gambling, the two for keeping "crap" tables and the two for perjury will result in ridding the community of this evil.

Saloon men have come to members of this jury and asked us to do something to close the saloons on Sunday. This presents an unusual situation—that of men in the saloon business calling upon the law to compel their competitors to observe the same. We believe that the evidence obtained at this sitting and the arrests that have been made within the past few weeks for the offense of keeping "open saloon on Sunday," for all of which offenses pleas of "guilty" have been entered, will result, within the next sixty days, in the full observance and enforcement of the law in this respect.

Without any criticism of any of the officials, city or county, in anything which we have said above, we wish to say in conclusion of this part of our report that the great obstacle in the way of enforcing the law against the crimes mentioned is the lack of co-operation on the part of these officials.

A committee of five visited the jail, county offices and court house and are unanimous in recommending the following improvements. New stoves are a necessity and should be put in the cells of the jail immediately. Those that are there are worn out and consume more coal than new ones. The sidewalk from the residence side of the jail to the front pavement should be laid to correspond

to that leading to the clerk's office. A wire or wooden screen, whichever seems best, should be put up in front of the grating at the jail on 11th street. The sheriff should be reimbursed for the lumber used in laying floors in the jail. Electric lights should be put inside the cells so as to be operated from the outside, in order to protect the sheriff and his deputies when entering the cells and corridors.

Thousands of people are coming to Missouri to make it their home. They often judge the people by the appearance of the public buildings and the manner in which they are kept. While the exterior of the court house and county office building have recently been painted and generally repaired the interior of both these buildings are a disgrace to a county like Lafayette. A general overhauling of the entire interior of both these buildings should be commenced as soon as the weather will permit. They are in need of paint, paper or fresco throughout and when completed the county court should see that the janitor employed for that purpose does his work thoroughly. The yard should be cleaned and should not be made a dumping ground for refuse and a sleeping place for stray tramp who may choose to occupy it as such. The closets in the court house are in a filthy condition and there is no excuse for such a condition and the attention of the county court is called to this as well as the other matters herein mentioned. We have had before us the county officials who handle the funds of the county and we find nothing worthy of criticism nor any irregularities sufficient to warrant a further investigation.

A committee of four, consisting of Messrs K. P. Lear, Paul Vance, F. A. Dingwerth, and H. C. Thee, visited the county farm. They interviewed the inmates and mostly found them satisfied with the food, beds and general surroundings. They would ask the county court to provide lights for those who can have them without any danger to themselves and the other inmates. These unfortunates must, necessarily, be satisfied with these quarters for the reason that they are compelled to accept what the county offers. From the report of the above committee this grand jury are of the opinion that the county ought to sell the present county farm and purchase one nearer to town where the buildings can be heated by steam, lighted by electricity and have the use and benefits of water throughout the same. The present quarters, including out buildings, and all are in a most dilapidated condition. They are not fit to be occupied by any human being, and the present inmates, poor as they are, are entitled to better care from a county that is abundantly able to give them all that is necessary for their comfort.

We recommend, advise and insist that the county authorities shall give immediate attention to this matter. The county has long enough practiced economy in this direction to bring it to that point where it is original not to give need to the calls for a betterment of the conditions that exist at the county farm.

J. K. MOOREHEAD, Foreman.
ED. O'BRIEN, Clerk.

For a New Federal Court.

Hon. John Welborn introduced a bill in congress Monday providing for the creation of a new federal court district in Missouri, to be called the Southern District. This district embracing the Ozark counties, is divided into four divisions, and the bill calls for two terms of court in each division a year.

Unusually Pleasing.

"When We Were Twenty-One," at the opera house Wednesday night, was more than unusually pleasing to the patrons. The cast as a whole was strong, and Miss Corrine Francis as leading lady came in for an extraordinary share of public praise.

W. J. Bandon, wife and son and daughter, William and Margaret went to Kansas City Wednesday evening to visit relatives.

Mrs. Todhunter Entertained D. A. R.

On February 22nd, Mrs. Ryland Todhunter entertained at Greystone Park the Lafayette Lexington Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and a few invited guests. In observance of Washington's birthday the social features of the chapter meeting were enlarged and the decorations were in accord. Each guest present and the absent members responded to roll call with a beautiful tribute to the Father of his Country. Mrs. Wm. Aull, recent, gave an interesting account of the history of the organization, its aims, and the work begun, to instill into the youth of America the spirit of patriotism and the attractive history of their country and its heroes.

The dining room was lighted with red candles and on the table stood silver cake baskets which had been in the family for nearly a hundred years, and a small silver urn which was won by Capt. Todhunter in 1854 as a premium on a colt. This same horse was afterward ridden by Gen. John H. Morgan in the Confederate war. On an old mahogany table in the hall was a quaint old silver water pitcher and massive silver goblets, which were owned by a soldier of the Revolution, and have been in the family since this Quaker ancestor's service with Washington.

A large silk flag which had seen service in the Spanish-American war was draped across the hall. A sword used in the Confederate army, blood stained and rusty, occupied a prominent place beside the symbolic hatchet, and divided honors with the arms and seal of the state of Missouri.

The souvenirs of the afternoon were hand painted silhouettes of George and Martha Washington, and the pin of the organization outlined in blue.

Before leaving the guests united in singing "America," led by Mrs. Alfred Franklin Smith.

Miss Andreen Entertains.

Thirty friends enjoyed the bridge party given by Miss Mary Andreen at her home on South street Thursday afternoon. The hours were from 2:30 to 6 o'clock.

The hall, parlor and dining room, in honor of the day, were decorated in the national colors, carnations, roses and flags being used to profusion.

In the dining room, where a dainty three course luncheon was served, red, white and blue ribbons were draped from the ceiling to the four corners of the table in the center of which was a large vase of carnations. Small hatchets tied with red, white and blue ribbons were used for place cards.

The favor, a Bohemian vase, was won by Miss Elma Stramke and the consolation prize by Miss Anne Ireland.

Entertained by Mrs. McGrew.

A Washington birthday party was given to the members of the Adolenda club and twelve guests of honor by Mrs. J. C. McGrew Jr., at her beautiful home on South street Thursday afternoon.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with artificial cherries and flags and the former were used for scoring.

Prizes were won at finish by Mrs. J. P. Haussm and Mrs. Edward Moorman.

A delightful luncheon was served. The favors were surprise cherries.

Philomathian Society Dance.

A delightful dance was given by the Philomathian Literary Society of Wentworth Academy Thursday evening at the Elks' Home. The hall was decorated in the society colors of pink and white, the walls being adorned with numerous banners. In the parlors of the Home the same colors prevailed, and to the color decorations were added sashes and guns. The guests for the most part were friends of cadets here in the city. Smith's orchestra furnished the music.

Washington Birthday Party.

Miss Nettie Fredendall gave a Washington birthday party to fourteen of her friends Thursday evening. Fitch was played. The prizes were won by George Aull and Miss Mary Aull. Refreshments were served.

Six O'clock Dinner.

Misses Norma and Nadine Steele entertained the following guests at six o'clock dinner, Friday, Feb. 16, in honor of Mr. T. H. Hockingham of St. Joseph, Missouri: Misses Lessie Bates, Marcia Sellers, Arline Burden, Lillian Moorehead, Messrs. Earl Stier, Ovid Sellers, Firman White and Herbert Bates.

The dinner was served in courses as follows:

Little neck clams. Celery wafers.
Shrimp canapes. Stuffed olives.

Turkey with grape frappe.
Mushroom Bouchees. French peas.
Hot biscuit.

Asparagus on toast.
Imperial cheese balls with English walnuts.

Fruit salad. Wafers.

Neapolitan cream. Angel food.

Cafe Noir. Crystallized ginger.
Salted almonds. Olives.

Creme de menthe.

Parlor mints. Cigars.

The decorations were of pink carnations and asparagus ferns. Place cards with cupids painted in water colors were used.

In Honor of the Memory of Judge Ryland.

At a session of the Criminal Court Thursday afternoon John S. Blackwell read the resolutions of the bar upon the death of Judge John E. Ryland, Dec. 15 1905. These resolutions were adopted by the bar in December and were presented to the court at this time so that they might be spread upon the records.

Following the reading of the resolutions John S. Blackwell spoke of the life, character and public services of the deceased jurist. He narrated a number of instances illustrative of his zeal for law enforcement and of his conviction at the same time that reformation is the chief end of punishment.

Dr. Gordon spoke eloquently of Judge Ryland as a Christian man, the malapropos of whose life was an earnest desire to know the truth and to do the right.

Rev. J. W. Howell spoke of his Christian fortitude in suffering, his acquaintance with him being chiefly during his last years.

Judge Rich narrated a number of instances of Judge Ryland's intuitive perception of character, and of his unflinching kindness to young lawyers.

Upon motion of U. G. Phezzing the resolutions published sometime ago were ordered spread upon the records of the Court.

Slusher-Barton.

Married, in Kansas City, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the personage of the Olive street Baptist church, Mr. LeRoy Slusher of this city and Miss Virginia Belle Barton of near Otesa, Rev. Samuel J. Porter performing the ceremony. This announcement will be a surprise to most of the friends of these young people, the secret having been guarded pretty carefully until within the past few days.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Barton of near Odesa. She was a student of Lexington College last year and is known to a good many of the young people of this city.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ward Slusher of East Franklin avenue, this city, was a cadet for several years in Wentworth Military Academy, and is well known in this vicinity where he was born and reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Slusher are expected home Tuesday.

Court Proceedings.

In the case of State vs. Kirchoff for assault, defendant was fined \$25 and costs. Motion for new trial sustained and new trial granted.

Jack Harris entered plea of guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$50 and costs.

Julius Winkler entered plea of guilty to a charge of gambling and

was fined \$25 and costs.

The case of State vs. Les Britt (col), petit larceny, was tried before the jury. Hung jury.

In the case of Herman Marks, charged with malicious destruction of property, the jury acquitted the defendant.

The case of Totsy Boyle, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was dismissed.

In the Criminal court Wednesday the case of State vs. Lon Crockett, charged with assault, was reset for February 28.

Mr. Bryan Resigns.

W. J. Bryan has resigned from the board of trustees of Illinois College because the majority of the board voted to accept funds from Carnegie. Mr. Bryan in his letter of resignation says:

"The issue presented seems to me to be a vital one, and that even if Andrew Carnegie refuses, the same question is likely to arise if some other trust magnate invites requests. Our college cannot serve God and mammon. It cannot be a college for the people and at the same time commend itself to the commercial highwaymen who are now subsidizing the colleges to prevent the teaching of economic truth."

"It grieves me to have my alma mater converted into an ally of plutocracy, but having done what I could to prevent it, I have no other resource than to withdraw from its management."

"I regret that the action, if it was to be taken, was not taken when I gave my notes, for I regard the money given as worse than wasted, if the college is to be under the shadow of a great monopoly."

Death of Mr. Wilson.

Died in Kansas, Feb. 15, Homer Clark Wilson, aged 57 years. Mr. Wilson has been in declining health for several years. For the past three or four months he had been under treatment, but without substantial improvement.

Mr. Wilson was born and reared in this county, and was a brother of W. B. Wilson, of this city, and of T. C. and Dr. C. E. Wilson of Kansas City. About twenty seven years ago he went to Texas and lived in that state near Waco.

He was buried Saturday at Clinton, Missouri.

Death of Mr. Kauffman.

A telegram received here this morning brought the sad news of the death of T. H. Kauffman, at his home in Alton, Illinois. Mr. Kauffman has been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever. He leaves a wife, nee Julia Winsor, and three children.

Mr. Kauffman was manager of the Standard Mills at Alton and was considered an excellent business man. He was about 40 years of age.

Knapheide-Luehrman.

Married, Thursday at noon at the home of the bride near this city, Mr. F. M. Knapheide and Miss Minnie Luehrman. Rev. H. M. Lissack officiating. Mr. Herman Knapheide, brother of the groom, and Miss Emma Luehrman, sister of the bride, were the attendants.

Shortly after the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to the wedding party and friends.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. F. Luehrman of near this city. The groom is a farmer of near Buckner.

Drewel-Gray.

Married, at the home of Joseph A. Edmonds in this city, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. Henry G. Drewel, of near Wellington, and Miss Alice G. Gray, of near Waterloo, Rev. B. B. Binney officiating. The bride is the daughter of J. E. Gray, formerly county surveyor of Lafayette county. The groom is the owner of the farm near Wellington, on which the Nawitka Camp is located.

Sons of Veterans Ball.

The Major William Warner Camp No. 1 of this city will give an Easter ball Monday evening, April 10. Everybody invited to attend. d&wt

W. S. Penock returned to Higginsville Tuesday night.

Juries for April Term of the Circuit Court.

AT LEXINGTON
Clay Township—I. E. Wagoner, Andrew Mahoney and Milton Varner.
Davis—Frank Hoefler, L. K. Foulds and Frank George.

Dover—R. L. Gaines, Graves Wilcott and W. W. Meng.

Freedom—Ed Paterling, F. H. Bartman and S. P. Phillips.

Lexington—M. E. Easter, David Groves and C. S. Mitchell.

Middleton—N. J. Gordon, Wm. Zeysing and E. H. Koppenbrink.

Sci a Bar—John Blackwell, Ed White and R. M. Adams.

Washington—Geo. Green, Sam Winn and B. F. Winsor.

AT HIGGINSVILLE
Clay Township—Geo. Pruck, Wm. Chinn and J. L. Trammel.

Davis—J. H. Uphaus, Tim Sullivan and Charles Grau.

Dover—Gus Ritter, J. G. Webb and Proctor Campbell.

Freedom—Wm. Thieman, Henry Flandermeyer and J. H. White.

Lexington—John Kelley, Henry Wert and Baxter Lankford.

Middleton—Wm. Masterson, J. L. Groves and John Tieman.

Sci a Bar—Wm. Dade, S. A. Philpot and James McKinney.

Washington—P. H. Beamer, R. C. Buchanan and John T. Siler.

Democratic State Conventions.

The Democratic State Central Committee met in Kansas City Thursday and set June 5th as the date for the state nominating convention and May 22 as the date for the state Judicial convention. As the former candidates are to be selected for the offices of State Superintendent of school and state railroad and warehouse commissioner. There will be several candidates for each of these offices.

At present there is only one announced candidate for Judge Brace's place on the Supreme Court bench—Judge A. M. Woodson, of St. Joseph, who was nominated two years ago and went down to the landslide. Judge Williams, of Booneville, Judge W. W. Graves, of Butler and Judge J. McD. Trimble, of Kansas City have been spoken of as possible candidates for this nomination.

From a Former Pastor.

In a letter from one of the most beloved of former Lexington pastors, Rev. H. A. Hohenwald, now of Humboldt, Nebraska, he says:

"Our lot here has not fallen in an unpleasant place. We have learned to appreciate country and people, but sometime in the bus'le of the day or in the calm of the night, we feel a longing for the place where we have friends still dear to us, where we are not forgotten, where golden apples grow and peaches ripen, where the sun shines so golden and the moon has such silvery rays, where home lies with its people so dear.—That is the land of world wide fame, where that strenuous animal, having two steeples on his head and one foot at each of its four corners, thrives better than in any other state or country. That is the land of patriotism, the land of corn and wine; that is Missouri."

"Now, dear Intelligencer, if you see some of the old friends, say Brother Given, or Dr. Eckle, or old Rev. Franz, tell them there is good fishing here. Big catfish, one-half mile from town. Come up."

Krag-Jorgensen's for Cadets.

The secretary of war has authorized the issue of 25000 Krag Jorgensen rifles to take the place of the old Springfield rifles hitherto issued to military schools and military companies. It is understood that the Wentworth Military Academy will soon be equipped with these latest army rifles.

Appropriate patriotic exercises were held in all the rooms of the public schools in this city Wednesday afternoon in honor of Washington's birthday; and in the High School the Emerson Literary Society gave an open session, which was attended by many friends and patrons of the school. Today and Friday will be observed as holidays.

Rev. Milford Riggs returned home Thursday evening.